



Sunday Picnic Honors A-Block Newcomers

The New Resident Committee of the Citizens Association welcomes all residents of "A" block to a "get-acquainted picnic" this coming Sunday, April 25. Festivities will start at 4 p.m. and continue until 7 p.m. In the event of rain, the picnic will be postponed until the following Sunday.

"A" Block is the area from the west side of Westway to the junction of Ridge and Crescent, and includes all the courts on both sides of Ridge and Crescent to the top of the hill. The picnic area will be the playground at the junction of Ridge and Crescent. Although new residents are particularly invited, old residents are also urged to come and greet their new neighbors. Bring the whole family, a picnic supper, and blankets to sit on. The city is providing playground equipment for the youngsters, and Greenbelt Consumer Services is supplying Co-op apple juice for thirsty palates. Ben Rosenzweig will be the genial master of ceremonies.

A feature of the program will be an amateur contest. Talented people in the area are invited to come and compete for whatever prizes the committee can dig up. Everyone will be given a chance to participate in group singing.

Plans of the committee include block picnics to be held in each area of Greenbelt. Comments and suggestions are invited, and the committee welcomes any new members who wish to help in this project.

Annual Cancer Drive Here Monday Night

The annual drive of the American Cancer Society in Greenbelt will be held next Monday night, April 26, from 7 to 8 p.m. This drive is sponsored locally each year by the Welfare Committee of the Greenbelt Woman's Club. Mrs. A. C. Long, chairman of the drive, is being assisted by the following area captains: Mrs. James Flynn, Mrs. Daniel Branch, Mrs. Phillips Taylor, Mrs. O. F. Hancock, Mrs. Frank Kirby, Mrs. Earl Knickelbein, Mrs. Charles Clift, Mrs. Harold Fisher, Mrs. George M. Cline, Mrs. Richard White, Mrs. Hans Jorgensen, Mrs. Harry McNeil, and Mrs. William Moore.

In the past years, the city of Greenbelt has contributed very generously to this important crusade. The Maryland Cancer Crusade supports detection centers, tumor clinics, research, public and professional education, medical care program, pathological service, lay service and cancer care committee.

Democrats Meet Wed. To Hear Mayor Lastner

The Democratic Club of Greenbelt will hold its next meeting Wednesday, April 28, in room 221 of the community building. The meeting starts at 8:30 p.m. All interested citizens are invited to attend and join the club. Various speakers will appear at the meeting; Mayor Frank Lastner, president of the local club, is expected to report on his candidacy for the office of county commissioner, for which he filed last Monday, after receiving the endorsement of the State central committee.

Greenbelt and the Chasanow Case

For the past several days the city of Greenbelt has been exposed to the sharp glare of the public eye. Not only is Greenbelt in the spotlight; it is on the spot. Abraham Chasanow, who plays a prominent part in the life of our community, has been fired by the Navy Department as a "security risk" largely on the basis of associations with certain residents of Greenbelt. He has also been charged with being "the leader and very active in a radical group in Greenbelt." Mr. Chasanow, who had previously been cleared of all charges against him by the unanimous opinion of a three-man security review board, published the details of his charges last Thursday after the Navy's Security Appeal Board reversed this decision. As the New York Times put it, he was placing his case "before the court of public opinion." The Navy Department has now agreed to hold an informal discussion on May 3 to decide whether action should be taken to re-examine his case.

Meanwhile, aside from any personal interest they may have in Mr. Chasanow, the government employees who make up a large portion of Greenbelt's population are seriously concerned as to how this case may affect them. The implication in the charges, as ridiculous as it may appear to those of who live here, is that Greenbelt is a hotbed of left-wing radicals, or worse. Newcomers to Greenbelt may be wondering if they have unwittingly settled in a nest of subversives, and outsiders whom we meet at our jobs approach us gingerly. Many old-timers, on the other hand, are disturbed over what they believe to be the bitter after-effects of the fight over the sale of Greenbelt by the government to a housing corporation. Finally, those who have been listed in the charges as improper associates, even though no statement was made that they were considered subversive, must feel that their reputations are damaged.

Such an atmosphere tends to breed fear and distrust, which in turn, threatens to destroy the basic principle of community participation upon which Greenbelt was founded. A lively and constant exchange of ideas with our neighbors is a strong Greenbelt tradition, but this may atrophy if we become stricken with the fear that an expression of our thoughts on any issue may some day be turned against us. Our fears may even lead us to shun all civic activities, on the grounds that this is the only sure way of not accidentally associating with the wrong person. Finally, if this cancer in our spirit continues to spread, we may decide that it is not wise to make friends with anyone.

All these things may happen if we give in to our panic and dash blindly for the nearest exit. It is our responsibility to prevent this from happening. This city, whose future greatness is now in the initial stages of planning, has not changed overnight. Encouraged by our outspoken civic leaders, we must take heart and recognize that we will be creating an even greater evil if we through fear, destroy the heritage we are building here for our children. Let us reaffirm our belief in the rights of the individual, our desire to live peacefully with our neighbors, and our faith in the eternal goodness of God—all of which is so evident in this community. If we hold firmly to these principles, Greenbelt will continue to rise to the heights we have planned for it. (R.G.)

Special Trash Pickups On Cleanup Day Apr. 24

Greenbelt residents are requested by the City Office to put their trash, leaves, clippings on the roadside on Saturday, April 24, when City and GVHC trucks will tour the town to make pickups from the roads. The City Office also requests that, in order to expedite the pickups, residents put smaller-type trash or clippings into containers. Leaves may be left loose.

PLACING TRASH ON THE ROADSIDE, ORDINARILY BANNED BY CITY ORDINANCE, IS PERMISSIBLE ONLY ON THIS DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 24. On that day too, the City Office will respond to individual calls for pickups from yards or roadsides. Call 9411.

Governor Calls May 7 Civil Defense Meeting

A conference on civil defense for state and municipal officials will be held at the University of Maryland, May 7. The meeting is called by Governor T. R. McKeldin to discuss defense efforts in the state and acquaint officials with newest developments in this area. Representing Greenbelt will be City Manager Charles McDonald and Mayor Frank Lastner.

The Prince Georges County Municipal Association is sponsoring another meeting on civil defense April 21 at Brentwood Town Hall, over the fire-house. A film will be shown, and civil defense officials will speak. McDonald and Lastner will attend this meeting also. It was disclosed at the city council meeting last Monday night.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 24 - Annual BB Gun Tournament in the Armory, 2 p.m.
Sunday, April 25 - Greenbelt Athletic Club Tournament, Club House on Crescent Road, 1 p.m.
Monday, April 26 - Greenbelt Cooperative Kindergarten general meeting, Center school, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28 - Jewish Community Center women's group first meeting, social room of the Greenbelt community building, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28 - Democratic Club of Greenbelt, room 221 of the community building, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, April 30 - Square Dance for children, teenagers and adults by the Greenbelt Community Band and Majorettes, Center school, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 1 - Annual Spring Dance of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Legion Hall.

State Seal On Sale At St. Hugh's Bazaar

Governor Theodore McKeldin has written the Parents Guild of St. Hugh's school, informing them that he is sending hand-engraved plate bearing the official seal of the State of Maryland and carrying his signature, to be used in the Parcel Post Sale at the Annual Bazaar to be held at St. Hugh's on Tuesday, May 11.

Joseph Hanyok, general chairman of the Bazaar, said that the Parcel Post Sale has undoubtedly been the most popular event of the festivities at St. Hugh's in past years, and promises that it will be even more interesting this year with many gifts for the sale from dignitaries and officials of various organizations in the state of Maryland and the metropolitan area.

Lastner To Run For County Commissioner

Mayor Frank Lastner announced his candidacy for the office of county commissioner at last Monday night's city council meeting. He filed for the office last Monday. Lastner disclosed that he has the full support of the state central committee and is one of a 5-man slate endorsed by the Democratic party.

"My endorsement by the Democratic party is a real indication of the recognition of Greenbelt as a political force in the state," Lastner declared. "I am elated by their selection, and if elected, my leaving the mayor's job in Greenbelt will assure Greenbelters of a real voice in the county," he added.

Lastner is one of the original families to take residence in Greenbelt and has served on the council and as mayor for many years.

Kindergarten Members Plan Election Monday

New and old Kindergarten members will meet Monday, April 26 at 8:30 a.m. in the home economics room, Center School.

Reports on the past year by teachers and the Executive Board of the Kindergarten will be presented. Election of the new Executive Board and additions to the By-Laws with additional registration for Kindergarten children will be the order of the evening.

Neighbors Start Fund For Shores Youngster

A campaign to raise funds for the hospital expenses of five-year-old James W. Shores, Jr., injured in a recent traffic accident near his home at 10-A Southway, has been organized by his neighbors and other Greenbelt residents.

The fund-raising drive, headed by Ed Burgoon of 37-K Ridge, is slated to begin early next week, although some fund collectors may begin their rounds sooner. The entire city has been divided into eight blocks for purposes of canvassing.

The condition of young Shores at the Prince Georges County Hospital is steadily improving. An operation on his palate has been successful, and he has been able to use his voice. However, he is at present deaf in one ear, and sight in one eye is impaired. While the doctors hope that this condition will correct itself in time, the boy may have to remain in the hospital for several months.

It was learned that the boy's family was preparing to leave Greenbelt when the accident occurred. The father had just taken on a new job which required him to go to Germany, and the house had been put up for sale. All these plans have now been cancelled, and the family will remain here.

In connection with the boy's hospital expenses, the Southern States Cooperatives' insurance company has not agreed to pay all of them, as stated in last week's Cooperator, but a settlement is expected to be negotiated with Mr. Shores' attorney.

Names of those who have already agreed to participate in the fund-raising campaign are as follows: George Freaner, 73-S Ridge; Mrs. S. F. Nelliger, 73-F Ridge; E. Fisher, 10-B Southway; Mrs. Paul Strickler, 18-Z-1 Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haber, 10-F Southway; Joe McCord, 14-Q Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. James Lauziere, 10-U Southway; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Jarvis, 10-H Southway; Mary McGuire, 10-Q Southway; Mrs. Eugene Powers, 10-C Southway; and Mrs. Mat Amberg, 10-D Southway.

Baseball Practice

The Boys Club baseball teams will open practice this Saturday at 10 a.m. at Braden Field. The Intermediates, ages 13 to 15, will be coached by Bill Moorex and the Juniors age 16-17, are to be coached by Caldwell Baker.

Registration Dates For New Voters

Registration for new voters wishing to vote in the June 28 primary election will take place May 25 in Greenbelt. New voters will register in the Community building, which will also be the polling place. (Former polling place was the fire-house.)

Registration also takes place every Thursday evening in the County Service Building in Hyattsville, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Those wishing to register any time during the week must travel to Upper Marlboro, where they can register from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To qualify as a voter in the primaries, you must be a resident of the county for a year, and live at the same residence (in the same voting district) for six months prior to the primary election date, June 28. Registration for Greenbelters is becoming increasingly important since Mayor Frank Lastner has filed to run for office for county commissioner.

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YOUTH PROBLEMS

To the Editor:

We, the undersigned, members of the Steering Committee of the Bi-County Organization on Youth Problems for Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, are disturbed at some recent stories involving juveniles carried in the metropolitan press. We realize that there are two schools of thought regarding the question of the proper news treatment of criminal actions of a sensational nature which involve juveniles. Perhaps we ought to take a second look at this question.

In the Spring of 1953, more than 100 people representing all types of civic organizations, schools, churches and interested citizens, were invited to a meeting by Mr. Sidney Lust. The purpose was to bring to the attention of those present and the various groups which they represented, the extent of damage resulting from deliberate destruction, or vandalism, on the part of children and teenagers. It was felt that many had not realized the extent of this anti-social behavior. It was also felt that if attention were called to this matter, this group might make a concerted effort to take constructive action.

Judge Alfred D. Noyes of the Juvenile Court of Montgomery County presided. He called for suggestions and ideas on the best way to bring this matter to the attention of parents and children. Many good ideas were put forth, some very good suggestions coming from young people themselves. It was finally decided to select, from the group present, a steering committee to effectively work out plans for a permanent organization to help combat vandalism in the two counties. Judge Noyes is the Chairman of that steering committee which held its first meeting in April. Twenty members were present, representing interested groups and organizations. That first meeting and subsequent monthly meetings have resulted in the following concrete results.

1. The formation of a permanent group under the name of "Bi-County Organization on Youth Problems". This group has elected officers and appointed committee chairmen, some of whom are teen-agers.

2. Establishment of liaison with student groups in each junior and senior high school throughout the two counties for ideas and suggestions on the best ways to spend leisure time.

3. Cooperation with the Youth Council established by the District of Columbia Commissioners.

4. Invitation to qualified speakers at our monthly meetings who have brought many worthwhile ideas and suggestions on this subject.

5. Invitation to all interested civic organizations, churches, schools, PTA's etc. to become members. Our by-laws state that: "Any individual or members of an organization from either Prince Georges or Montgomery County interested in our purposes may become a member upon payment of dues of one dollar. Representatives from Student Councils shall not be required to pay dues."

6. Organization into two sub-committees to deal with this problem in the respective communities of each county, to more effectively pin-point our efforts in the areas affected.

7. Presentation by the Chairman of the Prince Georges Subcommittee, Mr. Oosterhouse, in support of the recommendation of the Juvenile Court Advisory Committee, the Civic Federation and the League of Women Voters—that the Prince Georges County Commissioners authorize an Official Youth Council. Said Council to include representatives of all major groups in the County willing to work on the problems of youth; to coordinate the work of existing organizations to the best interests of the community; to stimulate and aid communities, municipalities and neighborhoods to form area councils to serve as an informational body; and to make studies and recommendations pertaining to the problems of youth.

The County Commissioners have approved this recommendation which we supported. They have appointed a Temporary Organizing Committee and appropriated \$500 for operating expenses. The Bi-County Organization on Youth Problems will exert all the influence it can to implement this constructive forward action.

Let us all work together toward a more constructive approach to this most important problem.

Alfred D. Noyes, Chairman, Judge Juvenile Court.

Sidney Lust, President Lust Theatres.

L. A. Oosterhouse, Chairman Prince Georges County Steering Committee.

G. H. Robinson, Asst. Superintendent of Schools of Prince Georges County.

H. Holmes, Chief, Hyattsville, Police Dept.

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W. K. Cooper, Director, Prince Georges County Y.M.C.A.

DIFFERENT SOLOMON

To the Editor:

There was mention of a "Morris and Linda Solomon" in the Chas-anow charges recently publicized in Washington and New York papers. It may interest new residents of Greenbelt to know that the Morris and Linda Solomon referred to in the charges are former residents of Greenbelt rather than ourselves.

Miriam A. Solomon
Morris J. Solomon

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Amberg, Mat and Rose, 10-D Southway - GR. 4-9987

Reeves, George and Elsie, 2-C Eastway - GR. 4-3176

Charter Forces Gird For Battle

The Citizens Committee for Good Government will offer its wares in the market places of Prince Georges County beginning March 25, when an all-out campaign for the petition to place the question of a charter board on the ballot is started, according to M. F. Maury Osborne, its president.

"We believe that the citizens of Prince Georges County now know who were telling facts and who were telling untruths," Osborne stated. "No longer can the anti-charter forces state that charter will bring higher taxes and high assessments. We have a higher tax rate now than ever before, and also higher assessments—and charter cannot be blamed for either, but inefficient government can. We believe charter will be a winner this time."

Willing charter workers will "man and woman" tables at the markets of the County believing that the housewife, with her knowledge of county issues, will "buy" charter this time. Remark- ing that women, by and large, were the mainstay in the previous drive for the charter signatures, Osborne stated that he believes that the women will "put over" the drive—and win the referendum on this question—in November.

Anyone wishing to volunteer services to the Charter forces is urged to contact M. F. Maury Osborne, President, at 124 Mohican Drive, Forest Heights, Maryland. Telephone, Logan 7-3606.

My Daze

Bringing An Old Friend Up to Date on the family, we mentioned that our two and a half year old "baby" at this stage was a fearful embodiment of selfishness, daring, persistence and lively curiosity. "He tries everything," we noted. "He's always trying something else. In fact" we concluded, "he's rely very trying."

Intended as a Kitchen Aid the timer a house guest presented to us became useful in many other ways as well. It forestalls play disputes among the children by limiting turns. It's often a good natured spur to a quick completion of household tasks, to the children's preparations for school in the morning or for bed at night. Besides getting the boiled eggs and coffee just right (if you remember to set it, that is), the timer's been more of a boon and more fun than either the doner or we expected it to be. Couldn't do without it now, of course.

City Ordinance No. 190, as spelled spelled out on a card tacked inside my garbage closet, states in part, and I quote: "Do not place any trash of any kind in the streets, Courts or Public Areas." "All offenders will be prosecuted." I don't mean to scare anybody, but in this case it's easier to obey the law than not. Just leave he stuff in he yard. Either get it ready for the regular garbage men, or if it's big, phone the city office at 2011 for special pickup. The Public Works Department stands ready to cooperate with you in keeping your yard and court neat. Cooperate with it. Obey the City law.

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Sunday, April 25 - Morning Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Sermon by Mr. Hull. Church School classes at 9 and 11 for Kindergarten and Primary; at 10 for Juniors and Adults. Nursery at 9 and 11. Fellowship Center 5 p.m., Junior Hi Fellowship; 6:30 Worship Service; 7:15 Senior Hi Fellowship, with Blakely Littleton speaking on Weekend and Summer Work Camps.

Tuesday, April 27 - 8 p.m., Fidelity Bible Class, Church Study.

Sunday, May 2 - 11 a.m., Recognition Service for all Church and Church School Officers. 4-6 p.m., Annual reception for new members. Social Hall.

Thursday, May 6 - 7 p.m., Fourth Annual Mother's Day Dinner, Social Hall.

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Friday, April 23 - The annual Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Center school. Serving begins at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will follow the meal. A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, April 25 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for all ages. Raymond Carriere, superintendent. 11 a.m., Special service in celebration of the tenth anniversary of Greenbelt Lutheran Church. Rev. Herbert B. Roepe, pastor of First Trinity Lutheran Church of Washington, will preach; Rev. Birner will be the Liturgist. A nursery will be maintained during this service for the benefit of parents with small children.

4 p.m., Concluding service of the tenth anniversary celebration. Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Detroit, former pastor of Trinity, Mt. Rainier-Hyattsville, and founder of Greenbelt Lutheran Church will speak.

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Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor

GR. 3-5911

Confessions - Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 for children and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults.

Sunday - Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This is Holy Communion Sunday for families. Religious instruction for Catholic children enrolled in public schools will be held after the 8:30 Mass in the school.

Baptisms? Sunday, 1 p.m. Please contact Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Wednesday - Miraculous Medal Novena, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.

Walker-Bittenbender

Former Greenbelters Mr. and Mrs. Dudley C. Walker announce the marriage of their daughter, Lillian Ann, to Pfc. Arthur E. Bittenbender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bittenbender of Hazleton, Pa. The wedding was held in Arlington, Va., March 3.

Ann, a sophomore at Maryland University, is a member of the "majorettes" there and in Greenbelt. Pfc. Bittenbender is stationed at Ft. Meade. They plan to make their home in College Park.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

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42-L Ridge Road

Harry B. Miles, Associate

Sunday, April 25 - Session of the Church School, 9:30 a.m. Richard Hoffman, superintendent. Classes for all ages.

Worship and sermon at the North End School, 11 a.m. Sermon by the minister and special music at each worship service.

M.Y.F. meeting at the Chapel on Woodlandway, 4 to 5 p.m. Intermediates, 6 to 7 p.m. Seniors, 7 to 8 p.m.

GREENBELT BAPTIST

Meeting in Center School

Rev. Wm. J. Crowder, Ph.D.,

Acting Pastor

4 Woodland Way, GR. 3-4844

Sunday, April 25 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, John S. Stewart, superintendent. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Morning Worship. Sermon, "The Christ Who Draws Near." Both choirs will sing. A Nursery for babies and small children is maintained during Sunday School and the Worship hour. 6:30 p.m., Baptist Training Fellowship for entire family. Mrs. J. S. Stewart, director. 7:30 p.m., Evening Worship. Sermon, "The Meaning of My Church Membership."

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Mid-Week Service, room 201, Center school. 8:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal, Center school.

Saturday, 10 a.m., Children's Choir rehearsal at 34-C Ridge. Mrs. Roy C. Thomas, director. Phone GR. 3-2977.

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. Waldman

Regular weekly services of the Jewish Community Center will be held Friday, April 23, in the home economics room of the Center school at 8 p.m. Candlelighting time is 8:31 p.m.

Yizkor services will be held in the auditorium of the Center school Sunday, April 25 at 9 p.m.

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Drop Inn Data

The Drop Inn had one of its largest dances this past Saturday night. The Youth Center was decorated with spring colors, and old Peter Rabbit himself was there.

We were open this past Monday evening instead of Good Friday.

On Monday and Friday evenings we had out of town guests who entertained us with very nice string music.

Oil's Not Well If Wintergreen

Oil of wintergreen, which constitutes from 10% to 100% of liniments used for relief of muscular pain, is toxic, and drugs containing it should be so labeled, according to Charles W. Crawford, Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

Commonly regarded by the public as harmless, as little as a teaspoonful of the oil taken internally can cause death. There are approximately 15 deaths per year from accidental poisoning caused by oil of wintergreen preparations. Most deaths are of young children, who are apt to be attracted by the odor, Crawford said.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare will henceforth consider drug products containing more than 5% of this ingredient as misbranded unless their labels warn that use contrary to directions may be dangerous. Parents are especially warned to keep the article out of reach of children.

Ball-playing Kids Still A Problem

No action was taken at the city council meeting last Monday to approve an ordinance forbidding ball-playing with a bat in grassy areas within the city. Failure to enact an ordinance followed the pleas of Mayor Frank Lastner and Councilman Ben Goldfaden that the children's play be undisturbed. They requested that an "educational" program be continued with officers warning children and parents of the dangers of using a bat while playing baseball in these areas; and to caution the ball-players about destroying or damaging hedges and other private and public property.

Lastner urged police officials to carry this campaign to the schools where the children can be informed of the widespread damage being done, and the need for respect of public property. Police Chief George Panagoulis pointed out that action against children for this kind of offense is difficult to enforce without a proper ordinance; however, he has consulted with GVHC on the problem, and it is anticipated that a planting program in the most used areas may be started which should discourage the ball-playing.

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Gardenway Residents Protest Truck Parking

A petition signed by 28 residents of the 4 and 5 courts of Gardenway was presented to the city council last Monday night protesting the proposed establishment of a truck-parking lot near that area. Joseph Gallant, representing the petitioners, asked the council to reconsider its proposal since such a project would "create dangerous traffic conditions" and conflicted with the residents' hope that their homes and court would be a safe place for children.

Mayor Frank Lastner declared that the project was only "anticipated" but he was glad to hear that residents expressed themselves to the council. He said the council would recognize their request and assured them that the council will always do what the citizens wanted them to do.

City Manager Charles McDonald stated that the need for such a parking lot no longer exists. Also, the Maryland Park and Planning Commission must approve such a move, and the requirements are quite restrictive; in fact, may make such a parking lot impossible to establish.

"BB" Gunners Vie In Armory Match

The city council is invited to attend the annual "BB gun" tournament to be held Saturday, April 24, at 2 p.m. in the Armory. Prizes will be awarded to the winners among the 75 children expected to participate. The children have been practicing for seven months, learning the "shooters code" and other safety measures. The program is directed by Roy K. Davis.

Northwestern Notes

By Peggy Markfield

Northwestern for the third straight year averaged 53 points in the Washington Science Fair held this past weekend at American University. Its closest competitor average only 35 points.

Twenty-nine young Washington area scientists were chosen at American University to compete at the Fifth Annual National Science Fair to be held on the grounds of Purdue University in Indiana. The two winners chosen from these twenty-nine youngsters, unfortunately were not from Northwestern. Better luck next year, youngsters!

Northwestern, nevertheless, made an enviable record in the Washington Science Fair. Of the 22 high school students who won prizes at the fair, 16 of them were from this school. Four of the ten first place awards were given to Northwestern.

A list of the winners from the school follows:

Botanical Sciences: First, Robert Ambrose; 2nd, Paul Wester; 3rd, Sharon Reaves.

Zoology: 1st, Mildred Elder.

Chemistry: 2nd, Virginia Conley.

Physics: 3rd, Jane Gager.

Electronics: 3rd, Cabell Pryor.

Health: Mary Hughes.

Mathematics: 3rd, Harriet McGovern.

Physiological: 3rd, Norman Prince.

Engineering: 1st, Edward Shank; 3rd, Barry Gastrock.

Conservation: 1st, Nick Pittas and Francis Cole; 2nd, Marilyn Martin; 3rd, Marguerite Schimpff.

The school's spring concert by its Glee Club on Friday, April 23, promises to be a most entertaining one. Visitors from other schools will be present at the concert, notably students from St. Mary's County. These visitors are desirous of seeing what other schools are doing in the field of music.

An evening of great interest not only to parents of students but outsiders as well is Northwestern's PTA meeting on Monday, April 26 at which time they will sponsor an address by the noted author and lecturer, Salom Rizk. His topic for the evening will be "America is More Than A Country." Rizk has lectured extensively throughout the country under the sponsorship of various civic groups.

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Center Statue Due For Spring Clean-up

A request to clean up the statue in the Center and to repair the drinking fountains on that statue was sent to the city council by Miriam Solomon, president of the "clean-up committee" of the Greenbelt Citizens Association, it was disclosed last Monday night. City Manager Charles McDonald will determine the costs of sand-blasting the statue and installing a small "pressure" pump in the water system to provide drinking fountains, and present them to the city council for consideration at the next meeting. He estimated the cost to be \$125 for sand-blasting and \$100 for water.

Proposals by the council to remove the statue entirely or move it to another area were considered too costly.

Story Time

The subject was the inspiration for two anecdotes by city officials. The first, seen on TV, concerned a huge stone that blocked a city street. The village dolt was requested to remove the obstruction for a huge fee. This was accomplished, the story-teller relates, by the dolt, who got his friends to help him dig a huge hole beside the boulder and then they pushed it in and covered it up!

The second story dealt with a statue of "Peace" which was sculpted by a famous artist in a mid-western town. The citizenry were chagrined to find the huge statue of a woman completely enfolded in drapes of stone, practically hiding the figure. One woman opined that the statue hardly depicted the symbol of "peace" in her estimation. Whereupon an indignant gentleman asked, "What is more peace-ful than a woman who has all that she can wear?"

Legion Post Home Zoning Problem

Frank Riley, president of the Legion Post Home, Incorporated, requested that the city council endorse a move by the American Legion Post to gain a "special exemption" from the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, in order to complete the construction of an enlarged and remodeled Post home. Such exemption is necessary, Riley explained, because the area is designated "residential" and special permission is needed to change that zoning. Riley declared that he was assured by the MNPPC that there would be no serious opposition to granting a permit for "non-conforming" use, and that the county commissioners had also indicated to him that they would be cooperative in the matter. Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation has also declared its willingness to endorse the zoning change for the Legion, Riley said.

Mortgage Arranged

A colorful drawing of the Legion home was displayed to the council and spectators which showed the anticipated changes and appearance. Riley disclosed that a mortgage had been arranged from a local banking firm and that completion of the project is expected by July.

City manager Charles McDonald was instructed to prepare a resolution endorsing the zoning change, provided the resolution specifically declares that the change is solely for this building. However, McDonald declared, planners and developers are agreeing that the area from the Armory to the Legion home is expected to be zoned "commercial" because of existing structures and the site. McDonald recommended that the permission be given to one request at a time, so that the council could determine the propriety of a zoning change without basis of precedent.

It is expected that the new Legion Post home will do much to "beautify the approaches to Greenbelt."

New Traffic Code Up For Approval

A new traffic code for Greenbelt was approved at first reading by the city council last Monday night. The entire code will be on display at the post office. Final passage of this measure which has been considered for over a year is expected to take place at the next city council meeting, and it is hoped that all interested citizens who have objections or suggestions will read the new traffic code and express themselves at the next meeting.

Count To Ten

By Miriam A. Solomon

The Committee on Cleanup of Streets, Walks, Recreation Areas, etc. of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association has, in the two months or so of its existence, learned a bit about how the City government operates from City Manager Charles T. McDonald. There are sixty men in the Public Works Dept.; two of these are exclusively cleanup men, working on a coordinating process rather than a rigid work schedule. One day a cleanup job may be deferred in favor of a more urgent chore, while another time great numbers of men will devote themselves to cleanup. The Center store area is swept twice a week. Police constantly inspect roadsides and inspect park and playground areas twice a week, reporting back their condition to the city office. Mr. McDonald urges residents to notify him of any spots requiring special attention. Such complaints are immediately entered on work sheets. Since the city cannot make sufficiently detailed checks of every nook and corner of Greenbelt, it welcomes citizens' criticisms and finds them helpful. The city's small size makes such a method of keeping track of progress entirely feasible.

A bad source of litter and a tough nut to crack is the abandonment by some newspaper delivery boys of the bundle wrappings (and wire) at the spots where the Washington newspaper trucks bring the bundles of newspapers for pickup. These wrappings are all too often left to blow around town. There are so many of these stopping points, and so many times of day when the stops are made, that the police have a difficult time checking up. The Circulation Department has instructed their boys about this, and lately the police have been successful in cracking down on this practice in a particular series of instances. The ultimate cure is to get all the boys to feel personally responsible to dispose of the wrappings in a garbage closet, or the nearest trash can, or to call the city office (2011) if he notices any papers abandoned by anyone else.

The ultimate and surest cure for all our litter headaches is for us all to become so lastingly litter-conscious that the problem will disappear in that way. An ounce of prevention is invaluable in this case. Greenbelt organizations are cooperating on an all-out cleanup drive, firstly, and last but not least on an effort to encourage a feeling of responsibility on the part of all citizens.

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I.D. Tag Program Proposed For City

An "identification tag" program for civil defense and to identify local citizens at various municipal activities was proposed by city manager McDonald at last Monday night's city council meeting. The tags would be issued to each Greenbelt resident and would carry pertinent information about the individual necessary for identification purposes. Blood type of the citizen is expected to be included in the tag, if possible. Cost of the tag is not expected to exceed ten cents a tag.

The program is being carried out in conjunction with a new "census" of local residents. Questionnaires are being sent to residents, which lists, in addition to census-type questions, about special skills and equipment available for civil defense purposes. The census is valuable for municipal records. McDonald declared, and would be a useful reference for municipal officials.

Greenbelt First

McDonald also disclosed that Greenbelt is considered a "rehabilitation center" in the event of a disaster in the Washington area, and stockpiles of medical supplies are being stored in the community building. He reminded the council that Greenbelt was the first community in the state to have a comprehensive civil defense program and that he was the first official appointed by the Governor to the position of Chief Deputy of Civil Defense for any state community. Civil defense officials in the area "are well aware" of Greenbelt's lead in this program, McDonald added.

New Equipment Soon

New supplies and equipment may be forthcoming to the city, McDonald disclosed, after a catalogue listing such supplies is received. The city will pay 25 percent of the cost, the state 25 percent, and the federal government 50 percent.

Council On Record Again For Hale Walker Plan

The city council will draft a letter and submit it with a copy of the minutes of a meeting in 1948, which declares that the city completely endorses the "Hale Walker Plan" for Greenbelt development, to the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission. This is to remind the MNPPC, according to Mayor Frank Lastner, that the city does not recognize or agree with a proposal made recently by the Public Housing Administration to abandon the Walker plan.

McDonald disclosed that, although PHA did make such a proposal to the planning group several years ago, he has learned that such a proposal is not in the minutes or records of MNPPC. He did agree, however, that the letter and resolution should be sent to the group as a reminder of the council's feelings on the matter.

It was emphasized that any deviation from the Hale Walker plan must first get approval of the planning group and endorsement of the city council and county commissioners.

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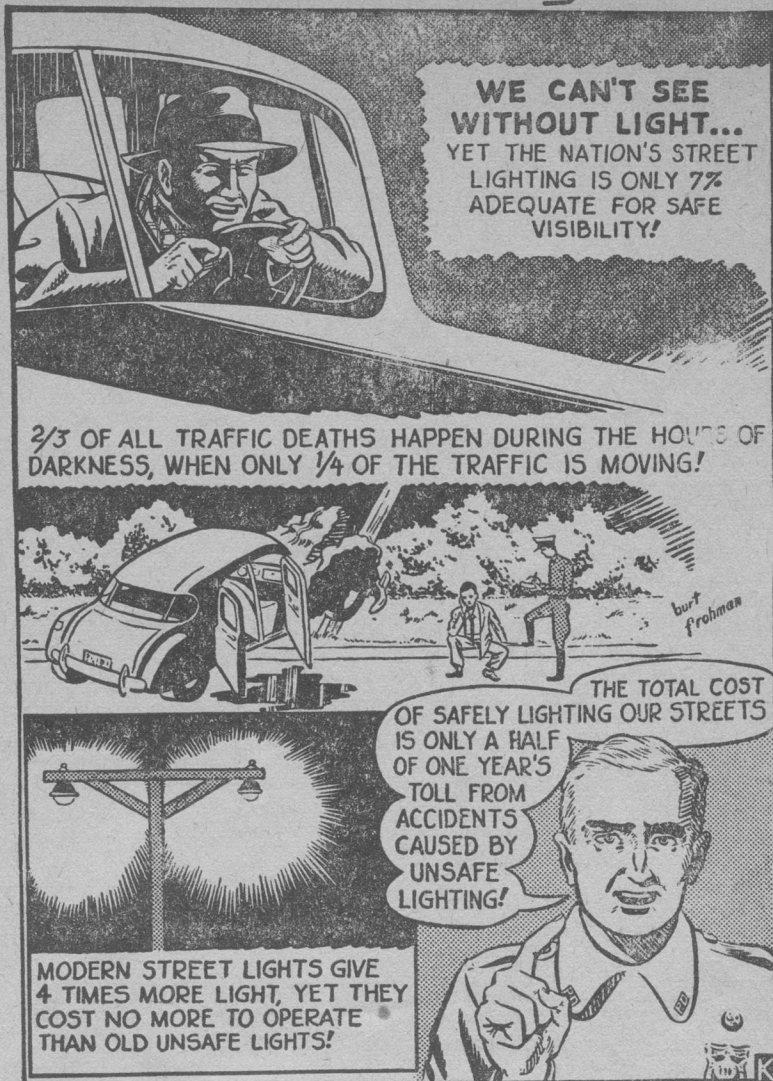
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